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Honorable Speaker Sir,

With your permission I rise to present the Annual Financial Statement for the Financial Year 2026-2027 to this August house.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

I am honoured and privileged to present the first Budget of a government in West Bengal led by the Bharatiya Janata Party. This government marks the culmination of long years of struggle and countless sacrifice of our karyakartas.

Sir, the political change that was witnessed on May 4 was more than a routine change of government. It marked the determination of the people of West Bengal to reclaim their relevance after nearly five decades of uninterrupted decline. Since the middle of the 19th century until India's independence, Bengal shaped the intellectual, economic and cultural imagination of India and was the undisputed thought leader. Sadly, we were on the threshold of squandering our inheritance and descending to irrelevance. It is therefore befitting that we see the task before us as a mission— a mission to reimagine Bengal and restore its rightful place in the nation.

Recognizing the aspirations of the people, the new Government envisions a state that is prosperous yet compassionate, modern yet rooted in tradition, globally

competitive yet locally inclusive. The goal is not merely administrative change, but a deeper transformation that restores public trust in institutions, strengthens governance systems, accelerates economic growth, expands livelihood opportunities, and ensures that development reaches every household.

Our new Government's aim is to build a 'Viksit Bangla' as a vibrant part of 'Viksit Bharat'— a developed, secure, inclusive, and future-ready West Bengal. This land has been the land of *Shakti*, and the land of *Bhakti*. Today, as we commit ourselves to the restoration of our civilizational soul we have prepared a Budgetary framework anchored in the spirit of an awakened Shakti.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

SEVA SHAKTI

First, there is SEVA SHAKTI centred on good governance and citizen's welfare.

I would like to announce that all existing social protection schemes in the state will continue since we are deeply committed to building human capital. The schemes will however be appropriately modified to ensure that benefits of the Government Schemes reach the people who belong to the most vulnerable sections of the society.

Our Government has inherited a massive debt of ₹8,15,891 crore as a legacy. This is potentially a crippling

debt. However, with the support of Government of India and fiscal reforms, we will try to put it on a sustainable path.

In this Budget, the revenue deficit as a percentage of GSDP is projected to be 1.02 per cent (down from the revised 2025-26 figure of 2.07 per cent); the fiscal deficit as a percentage of GSDP will be 2.91 per cent (down from 3.40 per cent); and the debt stock as percentage of GSDP is projected to be 37.98 per cent (down from 38.29).

Honorable Speaker Sir,

A corruption-free administrative framework forms the central pillar of our vision. In view of the disrepute that had overwhelmed public institutions, we stand committed to a culture of transparency, accountability and rule-based decision-making. Public trust in the state must be restored.

As a measure to restore people's confidence in Government, the state government has introduced a new initiative for outreach to the citizens namely *'Apnar Sarkar Apnar Pashe'* with a toll free number 8282082820 for providing a helpline to directly and transparently approach the government for addressing their grievances.

To provide prompt integrated emergency response for public safety and security round-the-clock, 'Dial 112'-Helpline system will be established. One dedicated vehicle

will be placed with each Thana for promptly responding to the citizen's request for emergency services. I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore for this purpose.

As part of administrative reforms to decentralize administration, improve public service delivery and bring governance closer to people, new Districts, Sub-Divisions, Municipalities, Fire Brigade Stations will be formed. These include new districts at Kolkata, Bashirhat, Sundarban Jangipur and Arambag; new police district of Kanthi; new Sub-Division of Gopiballabpur; new municipalities of Shiv Mandir, Gazole, Chanchal, Belda, Bagnan, Jaigaon, Kolaghat, Kamarpukur, Tungidighi; fire brigade stations at Hemtabad, Binachapra, Karandighi, Manikchak, Falta, Gitdabling in Lava block of Kalimpong, Garbeta, Chandipur and Kakdwip. Dali fire brigade station in Darjeeling will be upgraded.

Functional jurisdiction of Digha Sankarpur Development Authority will be extended to adjoining mouzas in Contai I and Deshpran blocks to develop coastal tourism and socio-economic development in the area.

In order to strengthen the public delivery system, vacancies in the Government which have accumulated over the years will be filled. I am happy to announce that State Government will fill one lakh vacancies in government offices of which 33 per cent will be reserved for women.

Out of these vacancies, 20,000 will be from Police, 50,000 from teachers/professors and non-teaching staff,1,000 from Eastern Frontier Rifles and remaining from other Government Vacancies. Ten per cent of the vacancies will be reserved for Agniveer wherever applicable.

Upper age limit for recruitment for Government post has already been relaxed by five years. This benefit will be for next two years.

To restore public confidence in recruitment for Government and Government Aided Institutions, recruiting bodies will be brought under common institutional structure modelled on the UPSC, strengthening transparency, public trust, efficiency and accountability.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is ushering in the next Industrial Revolution across the world. Our Government shall harness the power of AI to address complex challenges, enhance public service delivery, drive economic growth, foster innovation, and develop a skilled workforce. We hereby announce the West Bengal Impact AI Mission to position West Bengal as a leader in AI adoption in India and create an inclusive, sustainable, and innovative AI Ecosystem in West Bengal that benefits our people. The contours of the AI mission will be finalized within a month after consultation with all stakeholders.

The financial system in this Government follows the robust framework of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). We are going to initiate the next stage of Public Financial Management Reforms in our State and make our public financial management paperless on multiple fronts.

The State Government will implement the consent-based Aadhaar Seeding initiative under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP). This reform will improve transparency, reduce duplication across various sectors and facilitate integration with Agri Stack.

State Government is committed to join the National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations (NAKSHA) under DILRMP as part of the national initiative for modernization of urban land records.

To make registration processes more transparent, improve public facilities, ease registration processes and access to records, our Government shall initiate a new paradigm of Registration Reforms for our people. I am happy to announce that we shall start online document verification, online slot-booking for Registration, biometric facial recognition, online paperless refunds, state-of-the-art preservation of registration records, and modernize public amenities at Registration Offices in our State. I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for this purpose.

Use of advanced technology is key to good governance. It will be the endeavor of our Government to introduce technologies such as Drone Survey and Remote Sensing for mineral quantity measurement, e-challan system for transportation of all minerals including coal, ordinary earth like other minor minerals etc. and Vehicle Location Tracking Device system (VLTD) to curb illegal mining.

To ensure strict adherence to the mining laws, rules and orders of Hon'ble Courts and NGT, a comprehensive framework will be developed and a dedicated enforcement wing comprising of representatives from transport, police, commercial taxes and land revenue will be set up.

In order to ensure legal mining across stone, sand, granite and other minor minerals all pending auctions for various minor minerals will be conducted in a centralized manner through e-auctions system. Fast tracking of issuance of all clearances and approvals with clear timelines will be implemented to ensure legal mining in the state and augment the state revenues.

The state government has decided to provide a plot of land measuring around 5 acres to set up a Civil Services Officers Institute in New Town which will be set up along the same lines as that in New Delhi. Similarly, in order to ensure that the children of Civil Servants get a good quality of education and they do not face difficulties due to their

parents' postings outside Kolkata, a Sanskriti school will be set up in Kolkata along the same lines as that supported by the central government in New Delhi.

Periodic training is the key to improve effectiveness of government officials. I am happy to inform that iGoT / Mission Karmayogi initiative of Government of India will be effectively implemented for training to ensure anytime, anywhere, any-device learning for civil service officials in this state to enhance their competency.

Bidhayak Elaka Unnayan Prakalpa (BEUP) scheme enables the Members of the Legislative Assembly to recommend for implementation of developmental works in their constituency to address locally felt needs. In order to expand the ambit of this scheme, I propose enhancement of fund per MLA in a financial year to one crore rupees from existing seventy lakh rupees.

Falta area in South 24 Parganas is planned to be developed as a model block. In the first phase, Falta BPHC will be upgraded to 100 bedded Rural Hospital with Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care (CEmOC) Centre for improved healthcare facility in the area.

Jangipur area is prone to hazards like severe river bank erosion, flooding, and inundation. For flood protection and rehabilitation works, I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore.

Remuneration of contractual drivers and drivers engaged through agencies in State Transport Corporations has been enhanced in the last financial year. On similar lines, it is proposed to enhance the remuneration of contractual conductors and conductors engaged through agencies in State Transport Corporations to ₹16,000 per month.

Recognizing the contribution of Civic Volunteers, Village Police and Green Police Workers in helping the Police Administration, I propose enhancement of their monthly remuneration by ₹2,000 with effect from August 2026. Monthly remuneration of Homeguard, NVF will be enhanced by ₹2,000/-.

Pranibandhu/Pranimitra/Pranisebi/Maitri/other AI (Artificial Insemination) worker have served as crucial frontline bridge in providing veterinary services in rural areas. Recognizing their services, I propose enhancement of their monthly remuneration by ₹2,000.

Village Resource Person (VRP) are responsible for conducting social audit of various development schemes and also act as community mobiliser at village level. Similarly, Vector Control Team (VCT) and Vector Surveillance team (VST) members are engaged in monitoring and supervision of the vector-borne diseases. Recognizing their contribution, I propose to enhance their

daily remuneration by ₹100 from their existing rates for ₹200 and ₹175 respectively.

Monthly Pension of ₹5,000 will be provided to retired journalists. ₹10,000 per month will be provided to those who had suffered incarceration during emergency. Sangrami Bhata would be provided to those who have suffered false and frivolous cases due to their political beliefs. The details will be worked out for this.

It will be ensured that Civil Defence Volunteers will get work for at least 20 days in a month.

The State Government employees, semi-government employees, teachers and non-teaching staff play an important role in the government's work and policy implementation. To recognize their contribution, I am happy to announce an additional 20 per cent Dearness Allowance (DA) on top of the current 18 per cent Dearness Allowance. This implies that the total Dearness Allowance will amount to 38 per cent. Pensioners will also receive an additional 20 per cent Dearness Relief. This increase in Dearness Allowance/Relief will come into effect from 1st October, 2026.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

I would like to highlight that special emphasis shall be placed on empowering women as equal partners in the journey of development. The Government believes that no

society can progress sustainably unless women are economically independent, socially secure, and represented in leadership and decision-making processes. Policies shall therefore prioritize women's safety, education, entrepreneurship, financial inclusion, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

To empower and ensure better economic participation of women, Annapurna Yojana has been launched. The scheme envisages providing eligible women in the age group of 25-60 years, residing in West Bengal with assured monthly financial assistance of ₹3,000/- per month. The stipulated financial assistance shall be credited directly to the Aadhaar linked bank account of the beneficiary. I am happy to propose an allocation of ₹36,000 crore for this scheme.

To reduce the drop-out rate of girl students in higher education, a new scheme will be implemented for girl students at the time of admission of undergraduate courses at Government and Government aided Colleges. Under this scheme, one-time support of ₹50,000/- will be provided to unmarried girl students of Government and Government aided Colleges. I propose an allocation of ₹1,000 crore for this purpose.

As they say, "Cradle of the Civilization is the mother's lap." In order to provide financial compensation for wage

loss to pregnant and lactating mothers and to promote better health seeking behavior and improved nutrition for mothers and infants, Central Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana. To provide further financial support to this vulnerable group, I hereby announce total financial assistance of ₹21,000 including the financial benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana. Pregnant mothers will also be provided 6 nutritional kits.

In order to enhance women's mobility through transport network, the State government has resolved to implement a fare waiver scheme for female commuters of this state. Beginning 1st June, 2026, free transportation to women is being provided in state run buses to all women residing in West Bengal. For this purpose, I propose an allocation of ₹550 crore. Pink card will be introduced soon for this purpose.

Women's safety is one of the top priorities of our Government. In order to prioritize women's safety through stronger institutional mechanisms and improved policing systems, we will set up at least one women police station in every sub-division and Nari Sahayata Desk in every police station. Durga Suraksha Squads consisting of women officers will be set up for patrolling of busy city areas and public places. In addition, two all-women battalions, named after Matangini Hazra and Rani Shiromani will be established in the State Reserve Police Force.

Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) have contributed a lot in lifting the nutritional standards of children under six, pregnant women and lactating mothers. ASHA workers have helped in taking the primary medical services to the doorsteps of people and connected marginalized populations with the public health system. In order to recognize critical services provided by all these workers, I hereby propose enhancement of their monthly honorarium by ₹5,000.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

Our Government is a firm believer in the dictum 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'. Indigenous communities are generally marginalized. To enhance educational access for Indigenous communities, our Government proposes for establishment of a Tribal University in Jhargram with all modern facilities at an estimated budget of ₹150 crore. For this purpose, I propose an allocation of ₹10 crore in the current Financial Year.

To support the 'Viksit Bharat 2047' vision by providing enhanced rural employment and creating durable infrastructure in the State of West Bengal, VB–G RAM G [Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)] is being implemented in the State. I propose a budget allocation of ₹14,000 crore. Creation of 125

persondays will be ensured for job card holders who comply with the KYC norms.

To significantly improve access to affordable housing in rural India, the Government of India's PMAY-G scheme had been launched ensuring the housing for all. For further expansion of PMAY-G in the current Financial Year, I propose a budgetary allocation of ₹13,000 crore. Affordable housing will be provided to 25 lakh new beneficiaries during this financial year.

Tea workers in the North Bengal face numerous problems like poor health facilities, food insecurity, delayed wage payment etc. In order to address this in a holistic way, I propose to establish a Tea Workers Development Board. The Board will oversee the implementation of various welfare schemes for the tea garden workers with regard to health facilities, modern housing, and distribution of other social welfare benefits.

To ensure welfare and livelihood security of Tea workers, the Government will implement PM Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana in collaboration with the Government of India. Focus will be on improving the living standards of tea garden workers and their families. The scheme will provide a comprehensive package of welfare measures, including social security coverage, healthcare, housing, education support, skill development, nutrition assistance and

livelihood diversification. The government will also work closely with the tea industry to address the issues of the closed tea gardens as well as the overall health of the sector.

West Bengal Tea Tourism policy allows diversion of 30 percent tea estate land for commercial purpose. Concerns have been raised by tea garden workers and other marginalized groups living in Tea Garden areas against this policy on account of environmental issues. In order to maintain ecological balance and preserve cultural heritage in tea garden areas, I propose to reduce the quantum of land that Tea Garden can commercially utilized for tea tourism and other business activities to 15 per cent.

For the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes (SC), Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojna (PM-AJAY), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented in the State. This scheme includes Grant-in-Aid for comprehensive livelihood development of Scheduled Castes, construction of hostels and development of Adarsh Gram in SC dominated areas. It is expected to cover around 1,500-2,000 villages in this FY 2026-27 with total financial outlay of ₹500 crore.

There are considerable number of people who do not have enough resources to afford two meals a day. In order to ensure food security to such people 400 Maa Ahar

centers has been made operational in the urban areas. Balanced nutritional food in the form of food preparations with eggs, fish and vegetables is being provided at ₹5 per meal. In due course 210 more such centers will be made operational.

Elderly, widows, and persons with disabilities are the most vulnerable citizens in the society. To provide social security to these vulnerable groups, I propose enhancement of their monthly pension amount by ₹500.

West Bengal is home for three officially recognized Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) – Lodha-Sabar, Toto and Birhor. They are historically most marginalized, rely heavily on agriculture and depend on forests for their livelihood. In order to ensure food security to these vulnerable groups, I announce scheme for distribution of food with balanced nutritional value for these groups. Food Packets comprising rice, pulses, edible oil, sugar, salt and potatoes will be distributed to each family on a weekly basis.

A comprehensive livelihood improvement scheme is going to be implemented with support from GoI for Jhargram district. In addition, Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan will be implemented in the tribal villages in Paschimanchal districts.

Gig and platform workforce has become crucial in new economic landscape. To create enabling environment for Gig and platform workers with the objective of ensuring financial stability and professional dignity, I propose to constitute a welfare board to implement specific welfare measures and social safety nets for gig workers. In addition, drinking water and mobile charging facilities will be provided at appropriate location to provide these services to the Gig workers free of cost.

In order to reduce vulnerability of migrant workers State Government is planning to have a multipronged approach. Such workers will be provided Ayushman Bharat card for health coverage. They will also be made part of One Nation One Ration Card Scheme which will enable them to access subsidized food grains. Our Government will make an endeavor to provide alternate livelihood opportunities by developing required skill set among the people living in migration prone areas in the State.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

NIRMAN SHAKTI

Second one, Nirman Shakti: Infrastructure for balanced and sustainable development.

Government of India is supporting State Governments for infrastructure projects through Scheme for Special

Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI). This scheme will be implemented effectively to get more fiscal space for building infrastructure. In addition, our Government will ensure compliance with all reform initiatives related to public finance IT infrastructure, mining sector reforms, implementation of Right of Way Rules under Telecommunication Act, 2023, digital public infrastructure for agriculture, livestock sector reforms and efficiency in financial management as envisaged in the SASCI guidelines for 2026-2027. This will enable our state to claim financial support of around ₹10,000 crore from GoI for taking up capital intensive projects.

To boost urban development beyond metros and develop Tier-II, Tier-III cities as the future engines of growth, City Economic Regions (CER) Scheme will be implemented to build foundational infrastructure, housing, and hospitality networks.

The Purvodaya Scheme is a comprehensive regional development initiative of Government of India aimed at transforming eastern India into an economic powerhouse. A holistic plan under the scheme will be developed for West Bengal for funding under this scheme. This will include industrial corridors, manufacturing hubs and expansion of tourism infrastructure.

Eastern Dedicated Freight corridor linking Dankuni with Ludhiana has been implemented by the Government of

India. Our Government will take proactive measures to solve the bottlenecks including land acquisition, complete the last linkage between Andal and Dankuni and also develop Dankuni as multi modal logistics hub. In addition, our Government will also take proactive measures to implement Dankuni-Surat Dedicated Freight Corridor as announced in the Union Budget to improve logistics and reduce travel time for goods trains.

The existing ports of Haldia and Kolkata suffer from low draft and high turnaround time. The State need a strategic deep-sea port to unlock eastern coast trade, create a port estate and catalyze regional industry and logistics. In this regard, I propose to develop a deep sea port at Dandanpatrabarh in Purba Medinipur District through PPP model which will have an integrated port estate for cargo handling, storage and ancillary industries, multimodal dedicated road / rail connectivity.

I propose the construction of 'Bhagirathi Major Bridge' connecting Kalna and Santipur to unlock trade and socio-economic growth in the area with an estimated cost of ₹1,200 crore. This project will provide safe and permanent connectivity reducing the travel time for goods and passengers.

Connectivity of Newtown area with central Kolkata is poor. I propose construction of a 7.41 km long Chingrighata

– New Town elevated corridor with the funding outlay of around ₹900 crore. This corridor linking EM Bypass to Salt Lake Sector V will relieve congestion and improve connectivity to New Town. This corridor will have ramps, elevated parking base, noise barriers, bridge health monitoring system and CCTV surveillance.

A strategic 35 km Road Corridor Project will be developed between Dankuni Junction and Mogra in the Hoogly district which will include components like 3 lane Baidyabati ROB, 5 Nos Flyover, 12 Nos VUP/ LVUP, Service Road, Parking Bay and other improved road facilities with approximate Project Cost of ₹1,850 crore. Construction of new 4 lane bridge over river Mayurakshi on NH14 including 4 lane bridge over Right Bank Main Canal (RBMC) and Left Bank Main Canal (LBMC) in the district of Birbhum will be taken up with project cost ₹800 crore.

Techno-economic feasibility study will be done for metro-link between Durgapur-Asansol and Siliguri-Jalpaiguri.

Bhagirathi and Hooghly are the main rivers flowing across the central and south Bengal and have had a profound impact on the economic growth of this area since time immemorial. In order to further strengthen the same by providing gap infrastructure in this area, I propose a budgetary allocation of ₹100 crore to improve jetties on these rivers, provide link roads between the jetties and the

rural markets, improvement of these markets, fisheries in adjoining areas etc. This will have a positive impact on the rural economy and transportation of goods via waterways.

The Sundarbans is an ecologically fragile area, very critical from the point of view of climate change and bio-diversity. They are also the home to many people from marginalized sections of the 104 islands, 54 are inhabited. Use of waterways is the most sustainable and eco-friendly option to reach out to the remote islands for providing education, health and livelihood related services. I therefore propose to provide a budgetary support of ₹100 crore for construction of pontoon-based jetties and related infrastructure to improve connectivity. In addition, solar operated boats with low carbon footprints will be promoted for carrying goods and passengers.

Modal shift to river for freight can substantially reduce road congestion in Kolkata Municipal Area as well as cost of transport and emission, it is proposed to build Ro-Ro terminals at Shalimar-Garden Reach stretch. This will reduce traffic pressures on Vidyasagar Setu and arterial roads in both Kolkata and Howrah.

I propose implementation of Ganga Riverfront Beautification Project to enhance river-based mobility, public spaces, tourism in phased manner. This will include restoration of Ghats, building promenades, lighting, vendor

management and public amenities with an estimated cost of ₹200 crore.

With the objective of replacing busy Railway level crossings to enhance safety and reduce traffic congestion, Road Over Bridges (ROBs) will be constructed under the scheme of the Ministry of Railways. I hereby announce that State Government will take proactive measures to implement this scheme in around 70 identified locations for which clearance has been given by the State Government.

Bengal has potential to develop several minor ports including Kulpi. They are playing an important role in transportation of both cargo and passengers, support fishing activities and facilitate regional trade. For improvement of infrastructure of minor ports in the form of passenger jetties, cargo handling terminals, evacuation mechanisms, public amenities, approach roads and other related infrastructure, I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore. The Maritime Board will be strengthened for regulating and developing maritime infrastructure and coastal economies.

To make air travel more accessible and affordable and to strengthen regional tourism, new airports will be developed and made functional under UDAN scheme of Government of India. Such new airports will be set up in

Purulia, Balurghat and Malda. Existing airport at Coochbehar will be expanded. I propose an allocation of ₹10 crore for this purpose in the current Financial Year. State Government will provide 25 acres of land to Hasimara Air Force Station and 37 acres of land to Kalaikunda Air Force Station for expansion and proper development of these strategic facilities.

Kolkata Airport is facing significant passenger congestion and there is a need for having second Airport in Kolkata to boost regional economy. Government will identify 1,000-1,500 acres of land near Kalyani to set up a new green field airport near Kolkata.

The State's current peak power demand is 13 Gigawatt. With the new thrust on development and enhanced flow of investments, the peak demand is expected to surge to 16 Gigawatt in next 2 years and to 27 Gigawatt by 2035. In order to meet this additional demand, the Government is fully geared to plan and build new thermal power plants both by the State and private sector IPPs under tariff based competitive bidding. 2×800 MW thermal power plant will be set up in PPP mode at Santhaldih.

In addition, Solar Energy will also be harnessed to its full potential. A Mega Floating Solar Photovoltaic Project with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) will be set up at Bakreshwar Dam at a total financial outlay of around ₹2,000 crore.

To cater to the high load demand of electricity and to be able to be in position to supply electricity to intended customers and to reduce transmission and distribution losses, 15 new 33/11 KV substations will be set up. In addition, new underground cabling projects will be implemented in 12 towns. I propose a budgetary allocation of ₹200 crore for this purpose.

To promote solar energy adoption and empower village communities to achieve energy self-reliance, PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, which offers financial subsidies to domestic consumers for installing rooftop solar power systems will be implemented in the state with the target of 2 lakh rooftop solar installations. The State Government will encourage more generation of solar power and its consumption, both to make affordable power to the industries as well as meet climate goals. It will work on an Open Access policy towards these goals. In addition, Grid connected Rooftop Solar PV power generation systems will be installed. I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore for this purpose. SC/ST families will be provided additional subsidy of ₹5,000.

To improve connectivity to Sagar Island, construction of Muriganga Bridge is under consideration of our Government. I hereby propose allocation of ₹100 crore for

preparation of detailed drawing, initial mobilization of plant and machinery and for completing remaining land acquisition.

In order to fulfil the decades old demand of people of Purba Medinipur, a bridge will be constructed to provide all weather connectivity between Nandigram and Haldia. I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore for this project.

Integrated Forensic lab with training facilities will be set up in 50 acres of land to provide centralized hub to tackle rising cybercrimes, financial frauds etc.

Dhapa is the Kolkata's sole active dumpsite. It caters to multiple ULBs for solid waste disposal. It is located within east Kolkata wetlands and therefore needs sustainable, circular solutions. I propose the use of available 73 hectares of KMC land at Dhapa to develop long-term integrated waste disposal facility. This will include Bio-CNG, RDF power, inverted composting, biomedical waste disposal facilities etc. Effort will be made to develop it through PPP mode wherever feasible.

GYAAN SHAKTI

Third, Gyaan Shakti: for strengthening human capital

Honorable Speaker Sir,

A strategic roadmap is being developed to transform West Bengal into a center of educational excellence which

focuses on systemic reform rather than incremental change, including classroom modernization, filling staffing gaps, administrative streamlining, and a student-centric approach. In this direction, PM-SHRI, a centrally sponsored scheme, will be implemented to develop selected schools into model institutions with focus on quality, inclusive, and technology-enabled education through better infrastructure. I propose an allocation of ₹2,100 crore for this purpose. This initiative focuses on transforming existing schools into model institutions of excellence, which will serve as exemplar institutions, guiding and supporting nearby schools to enhance learning outcomes, innovation and holistic education. The PM-SHRI schools are intended to function as model schools implementing NEP principles such as experiential learning, smart classrooms, skill-based education, multidisciplinary learning, holistic assessment.

To provide world-class Technical and Management Education, with the support of Government of India, one IIT and one IIM will be established in North Bengal.

Atal Tinkering Labs will be setup in 1,000 schools with the proposed budgetary allocation of ₹200 crore to promote innovation, creativity, and scientific thinking through hands-on learning. Workshops, robotics and coding sessions, and innovation challenges will be conducted to build students' problem-solving and technical skills.

Students will also develop prototypes, participate in competitions, and apply STEM concepts to real-life situations, encouraging a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.

University townships in the vicinity of major industrial corridors will be set up with support from GoI for creating holistic higher education ecosystem in partnership with foreign universities and multilateral agencies.

I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for upgradation of Sanskrit College and University and promotion of Sanskrit language.

State Government will provide land for setting up of Navodaya Vidyalaya in the State. Initially four such locations have been identified in South 24 Parganas, Malda, Jhargram and Purba Bardhaman districts. Similarly, land has been identified for setting up of two Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jhargram and Bankura.

Jadavpur University will be developed as an Institute of Excellence with Government of India contribution of ₹1,000 crore and State share of ₹250 crore over a period of five years.

For modernization of ITIs, Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) Scheme will be implemented to support the

expenditure related to infrastructure, equipment, trainers and other areas of upgradation, while focusing on the development and delivery of industry-aligned courses and achievement of key outcomes of placement and enrolment. I propose a budgetary allocation of ₹570 crore.

Training Centers will be set up in all districts for providing free coaching to students preparing for competitive exams like IIT JEE, NEET, CAT, CA and Civil Service Exams etc.

To promote girls' participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and make skill education accessible to them our Government will set up one girl hostel in each district in a PPP mode for girls pursuing higher education.

For fostering academic excellence among girls students, women's colleges will be set up at Contai, Kaliachak, Jangipur, Sagar, Tufanganj and Falta. Sanitary vending machines will be installed in all schools, colleges, universities.

Para Teachers fill up critical gaps in access to learning in underserved regions and improve student-teacher ratios. Recognizing the critical role played by the para teachers, I hereby announce enhancement of their monthly honorarium by ₹5,000.

Cook-cum-helpers play a very important role in implementation of PM POSHAN scheme by preparing nutritious hot meals and serving them as Mid-Day Meal to school children. In order to recognize services provided by Cook-cum-helpers, I hereby announce enhancement of their monthly honorarium by ₹1,000.

Material cost for Mid-Day Meal in primary schools will be enhanced to ₹10 per student from ₹6.78. ISKCON will be engaged to provide nutritious cooked Mid-Day Meal in schools KMC area.

It will be ensured that Gas connection, Solar plates, utensils wherever needed, safe drinking water is there in all ICDS centers, Primary and Secondary Schools. Water purifiers will be installed in all Primary and Secondary schools. Electricity connection and installation of electric fans will be ensured in all Primary Schools. Rarh area will be given priority.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

We are on the path to a fundamental transformation in this State. The youth of West Bengal who form the main pillar of our demographic dividend are the prime movers of this transformation. Investments in education, skills, technology, innovation, sports, research, and entrepreneurship will aim to create a confident and globally

competitive generation capable of driving Bengal's future growth.

The Government of West Bengal will attempt to train approximately 1,00,000 students and youth in the AVGC-XR sector over each year. During the current year, around 500 Content Creator Labs are proposed to be established. I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for this purpose. It is also proposed to revamp the WEBEL Animation Academy and introduce new courses in 3D Animation and VFX. It will create necessary ecosystem for skill upgradation of youth in emerging areas.

To promote athletics facilities, professional sports training/coaching and courses of Sports Science etc. among youth, a new Sports University will be set up in the State. This University will play a stellar role in the improvement of sporting attainments in the State. For this purpose, I propose an allocation of ₹150 crore.

One stadium of international standard in North Bengal and one Indoor Stadium in North Bengal preferably at Siliguri will be taken up. I propose an allocation of ₹20 crore for this purpose.

To revive sports culture by promoting mass participation among youth, Khelo India program will be implemented in the State. Under this program, Mini Indoor Stadiums will be set up in all Assembly Constituencies (@₹ 5 crore per stadium)

and 100 such stadiums will be taken up in this Financial Year. Our Government will also renovate existing stadiums in different districts. Rabindra Sarovar Stadium in Kolkata will be thoroughly renovated and upgraded. I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore for this purpose in this Financial Year.

Financial assistance of ₹1 crore will be provided for sports clubs who will participate in national sports events. To encourage participation of youth in international sports events, our Government proposes to reward medal winners by offering them posts of the rank Inspectors up to the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police depending on the nature of the event, a policy regarding this is being drawn up. Corpus of ₹50 crore will be created for giving prize money to winners in different international and national sports events.

For students preparing for competitive examinations, one-time financial assistance of ₹30,000/- to students of Government and Government-aided Colleges will be provided. For this purpose, I propose an allocation of ₹ 30 crore.

To encourage meritorious students to avail world class education, I propose a 'Swami Vivekananda Merit Scholarship' (to fully cover the tuition fee and health insurance) for students who get admission in top hundred

universities in the world (as per the QS World University ranking) for Under Graduation or Master's courses. Similarly, financial assistance will also be provided to meritorious students who get admission in Under Graduation or Master's in National level educational institutes (to cover tuition fee). I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore for this purpose.

Bhorsha Karmasuchi will be implemented to provide monthly allowance to eligible educated unemployed youth from the age group of 21-45 year from October, 2026. Under this scheme, ₹3,000 monthly allowance will be given to unemployed Graduates, ₹2,000 for others. This Karmasuchi will benefit students whose family income is less than rupees one lakh per year and who are not receiving benefits from any existing social protection scheme.

JEEVAN SHAKTI

Fourth, Jeevan Shakti: for quality of Life and Food Security

Honorable Speaker Sir,

In order to provide universal health care, the Government is launching its flagship program AYUSHMAN BHARAT–PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AROGYA YOJANA (AB –PMJAY) in the State. The scheme will provide free health coverage to economically weaker sections. Beneficiaries will be entitled to ₹5 lakh per family per year

coverage. I propose budgetary provisioning of ₹3,100 crore for AYUSHMAN BHARAT scheme. The scheme will cover approx. 7 crore people which will cover ASHA/ICDS workers and all citizens above 70 years of age. Poor people who are not covered under the scheme guidelines will be provided financial assistance from the CM Relief Fund.

In order to provide advanced health care throughout the State, the Government will take up establishment of an AIIMS Hospital in North Bengal, Super Specialty Hospitals at Sundarbans, Purulia and Darjeeling and a Cancer Hospital in North Bengal. Suri Super Specialty Hospital in Birbhum district will be elevated to a Government Medical College and Hospital.

In order to reduce health care expenses and ensure access for all, especially the poor, the State is launching the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in the State. Through this scheme quality generic medicines at a price 50%-80% lower than equivalent branded drugs will be provided to citizens through the Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Kendras. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) will be implemented to provide life saving drugs, surgical disposable and costly medical implants at high discount ranging from 50%-90%. AMRIT stores will be set up in all district and subdivisional hospitals.

I am happy to announce setting up of new Medical Colleges in the Districts of Alipurduar, Kalimpong, Dakshin Dinajpur and Paschim Bardhaman to cater to students in these gap areas. The Government is also planning to increase about 650 MBBS seats across 13 State Government Medical Colleges and more than 450 PG seats across the State.

AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) plays a critical role in public health by offering holistic, preventive and cost-effective health care. I hereby announce formation of a new AYUSH Department in Government of West Bengal with adequate technical and non-technical manpower both at the State Head Quarters with commensurate field setups. I hope this will help in strengthening and effective implementation of focused activities of AYUSH Health care system in the State.

West Bengal has the potential to become one of the most attractive destinations for medical tourism. Our Government will endeavor to attract massive investments in this sector and invite private organizations to set up state of the art super specialty hospitals to provide 50 per cent of beds to Government at free of cost or at subsidized rates and remaining beds at charges comparable to hospitals of similar standard.

Five regional medical hubs in partnership with private sector will be established to make West Bengal a preferred destination for global medical value tourism.

Existing hospital facilities at Haripal, Bamangola, Farakka, Digha, Jhalda, Manbazar will be upgraded. For proper treatment at the important tourist locations trauma care centres will be set up at Digha, Darjeeling and Farakka. Modernizations of Bidi workers' Hospital will be done in Murshidabad district. Motor Boat ambulance service will be started in Sunderban and island- based child delivery centres will be started.

Arrangement to provide affordable accommodation to patients visiting Mumbai and Vellore for the treatment will be taken up in PPP mode.

Cooked diet is supplied to patients admitted in all the bedded Govt. Hospitals across the State. The existing rate has been in effect since 2017. I am happy to announce that this is being rationalized and the rate for the 'Full Rice Diet', which is consumed by most of the admitted patients, is proposed to be increased from ₹56.64 to ₹110 per admitted patient per day.

Agriculture remains the backbone of West Bengal economy and is the primary source of livelihood for millions of citizens. The Government's mission is to ensure that

farming becomes more productive, profitable, climate-resilient, and technology-enabled.

Our Government will focus on strengthening irrigation systems, expanding market access, modernizing agricultural practices, improving storage and cold-chain infrastructure,enhancing crop diversification, and promoting allied sectors such as fisheries, dairy, livestock, and horticulture. Agricultural development shall also be aligned with climate adaptation and sustainable resource management including adoption of natural farming.

A holistic approach will be adopted in the water sector for preparation of river basin-wise plans for major rivers in the State with the objective of improving water resource management and interlinking of rivers and waterbodies for transfer of fresh water between basins. Basin plans will be prepared with the help of international water resource experts for important river systems to augment fresh water supply in vulnerable areas including the Sundarbans region. The proposed project is expected to strengthen river management, improve irrigation potential, support ecological sustainability and ensure better water availability across different regions of the State.

Upper Sundarban Delta Project is proposed to be implemented at a project cost of ₹1,353 crore with funding support from Asian Development Bank, through excavation

of defunct channels, once connected to main rivers of Sundarbans with a view to expand fresh water supply to the tidal rivers, anti-erosion works along vulnerable stretches of Ichamati and Hooghly and to improve drainage in Kolkata and its adjoining suburbs.

I also propose implementation of Lower Sundarban Sustainably Harnessing Ocean Resources and Economy (SHORE) Project at a project cost of ₹4,100 crore with funding support from the World Bank aimed at improvement of embankments of Sundarbans to international standards through nature-based solutions and creation of livelihood opportunity for the local people.

Ghatal area in Paschim Medinipur has a unique geographical feature which makes it highly prone to flooding. A Master Plan with a project cost of ₹1,200 crore has been prepared for this area which will be implemented as part of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the aim of permanently protecting the chronically flood-prone regions of Paschim Medinipur and Purba Medinipur Districts.

River Ganga enters West Bengal through Ratua-I block of Malda district from Katihar district of Bihar. The entire 163 km stretch of the Ganga river in Malda, Murshidabad and Nadia districts, is severely flood and erosion prone. In order to protect these adjoining areas from flooding, anti-erosion and flood management works will be taken up at

identified vulnerable locations in these districts. In addition, activation of Sakrigali Paleo channel for a width of 50 M near Bengal-Bihar-Jharkhand border through river dredging will be carried out across river Ganga to facilitate shifting of dominant flood discharge from vulnerable left bank to the stable right bank. This project will be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

For reconstruction of around 60 km of embankments in the Sundarban areas of North and South 24-Parganas districts using nature based technologies, Sundarban Embankment Reconstruction Project (Phase II) at an estimated project cost of ₹1,000 crore will be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Teesta Barrage Project (Substage I of Stage I) will be implemented under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Program (AIBP) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) with an estimated cost of ₹11,000 crore to provide irrigation in a command area of 3.42 lakh hectares in Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling and Uttar Dinajpur districts.

Strengthening of embankment will be taken up on Atrai Khari and Khasia Khari stretch in Dakshin Dinajpur.

Proper drainage prevents crop damage from intense rain and flooding by removing excess water and localized

drainage system is crucial for protecting topsoil from erosion. As a step towards ensuring sustainable farm productivity, I propose an allocation of ₹200 crore for the purpose of development of need based localized drainage systems.

Affordability of micro irrigation and precision technology to small and marginal farmers will boost production and incomes of farm families while conserving water. To encourage farmers to adopt micro irrigation systems which increases water use efficiency and precision agriculture, PM Krishi Sech Yojana Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY PDMC), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme provides 55% of cost of installations for Drip, Sprinklers and other interventions. For small and marginal farmers in West Bengal, owning cultivable lands up to 2 Ha, it is proposed that eligible farmers are able to avail the benefits under PMKSY PDMC contributing only 10% of the projected cost and balance cost will be borne by State Government as top up, in addition to financial support in PMKSY PDMC. I propose budget allocation of ₹100 crore for this purpose.

Springs (also locally known as Jhora) are the lifeline of Darjeeling and Kalimpong Hills. I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for spring rejuvenation in the hills by upper catchment treatment, afforestation in the hills and spring shed management. This will augment drinking water

availability and will also scale up water-based livelihood options. The budgetary support will also be used for forward linkages such as creation of water reservoirs and poly houses for horticulture activities.

To reduce the cost of cultivation and enhance the income of farmers, the Government will provide an electricity subsidy of ₹2 per unit on power consumed through submersible pumps used for agricultural irrigation purposes.

Farmers face critical challenges due to climate change related risks. PM-KISAN, a Central Sector Scheme with 100 % funding by Government of India has already been operational since 2018. Under this scheme, ₹6,000 per year is provided to eligible farmers in three equal instalments to support their agricultural needs. In order to further support the agriculture needs of farmers, I hereby announce additional financial assistance of ₹3,000 for each farmer family in a year.

To cover farmer's risk, PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme has been implemented in the State, and coverage will be available for all crops (16 crops) during current year, with effect from Kharif 2026.

To integrate crop histories with land records and bank details, allowing farmers to effortlessly receive government

benefits, access affordable credit, and secure personalized agricultural advice Digital Public Infrastructure & Farmers ID commonly known as Digital Agriculture Mission of Government of India is being implemented. This is Farmers ID based unified platform for providing all services like fertilizer sale, KCC, DBT, crop survey and procurements under MSP etc.

In order to support digital platform for agriculture crop loan, the State Government proposes to collaborate with the Reserve Bank of India for implementation of RBI Unified Lending Interface (ULI) enabled Digital Kisan Credit Card system in West Bengal. The initiative is expected to reduce loan sanction time from 15 days to about 15 minutes and enable paperless agricultural credit through secure API-based land records access.

Fertilizer use in West Bengal is significantly higher than the national average. Accordingly, PM National Mission on Natural Farming is being implemented to promote natural farming in areas with high uses of fertilizers. This will promote nature based sustainable system of farming, enhancing usage of on-farm made natural farming, bio-inputs to reduce dependency on externally purchased inputs and input cost reduction.

Pradhan Mantri Dhana Dhanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY) has been launched in Alipurduar, Darjeeling, Purulia and

Jhargram Districts to enhance farm productivity, promote crop diversification and boost rural infrastructure.

Precision agriculture optimizes fertilizer and pesticide application by delivering the right amount of chemical at the location and time, using advanced technologies like drones, smart sensors, and GPS-guided machinery. Adoption of this technology will reduce the excessive usage of chemicals in agriculture and also address the shortage of manpower. In collaboration with institutions like IIT Kharagpur, our Government will encourage farmers to implement AI based precision agriculture.

To ensure that the paddy farmers receive remunerative prices for their produce, procurement of paddy directly from the farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by Government of India, from time to time, is being implemented. For further support to small and marginal farmers, I propose to provide additional incentive of ₹200 over and above the MSP per quintal of paddy in Kharif season. Our Government will increase MSP for paddy to ₹3,100 in phased manner in coming years.

Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) is being implemented in the state with the aim of ensuring remunerative prices to farmers for their produce and protecting consumers from food price volatility. Under this scheme State Price Stabilization Fund will be

set up with a corpus of ₹100 crore to stabilize prices in the market for products like Potato, Tomato, Onion, pulses and Oil seeds. The scheme will also have a market intervention component to protect farmers of perishable agricultural and horticultural commodities from distress sales during bumper harvest years. State Government will provide ₹200 per quintal as a top up in case of procurement of potato.

West Bengal is one of the country's leading producers of fruits and vegetables. However, the horticulture sector suffers significant post-harvest losses due to inadequate cold-chain infrastructure and limited post-harvest management facilities. The State is already implementing the centrally sponsored Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), under which subsidies are provided for storage facilities of up to 25 MT capacity. To encourage the establishment of larger multi-purpose storage facilities of up to 100 MT, as well as cold storages and packing centers, I hereby propose budget allocation of ₹100 crore to provide 35% State subsidy.

West Bengal is the one of the largest producers of Potato in the country. However, cultivation of this crop suffers from vagaries of nature and risks associated with the market. State Government has already implemented PM Fasal Bima Yojana, which is a Centrally Sponsored

Scheme. In order to reduce burden on farmer, I hereby propose that Government will bear the cost of 50% of the farmer's contribution to insurance premium in addition to premium support already extended by Government.

One of the major constraints in this sector is non-availability of disease resistant potato seeds. With the aim of providing quality potato seeds to farmers on time, State will encourage localized seed production in collaboration with ICAR. Pending that, the State Government will procure quality and disease free potato seeds for free distribution among potato growers. I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore for this purpose.

For diversification of horticulture activities and enhancement of farmers' income, development of commercial floriculture clusters in districts of North Bengal, Howrah, Nadia, North 24-Parganas and Purba Medinipur is being proposed. For this purpose, I propose an allocation of ₹10 crore.

Mango is the most important horticultural crop in West Bengal. Its cultivation is concentrated in Malda, known as the 'Mango capital of India', Murshidabad and North 24-Parganas. Over 100 varieties are grown across the Dtate, including the world-famous varieties like Himsagar, Langra, Amrapali, Aarjanua and Asina. In order to increase the income of mango farmers and to strengthen the mango

value chain, adoption of modern post-harvest technologies will be encouraged. Special emphasis will be given to export of Mango through establishment of vapour heat treatment plant, integrated pack house etc. For this purpose, I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore.

Paschimanchal Area comprising of six districts namely, Bankura, Purulia, Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Paschim Bardhaman and Birbhum has lateritic soil with low productivity and often suffers from drought conditions. In order to reduce vulnerability of farmers to vagaries of weather, both surface and ground water based micro irrigation systems will be promoted to ensure irrigation facilities. Across the country, Solar based irrigation systems under PM-KUSUM are gaining in popularity. West Bengal has substantial solar insolation capacity, particularly in Paschimanchal area. I hereby announce additional subsidy of 15% for Paschimanchal districts over and above the subsidy provided under the Centrally Sponsored scheme. I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for this purpose.

To build climate resilience, alternate livelihood opportunities need to be developed. Dry climate of Paschimanchal area is well suited for milch cattle rearing and fodder cultivation. Accordingly, I propose promotion of indigenous breeds of cows along with the development of the milk value chain system and fodder cultivation.

I propose a budgetary support of ₹50 crore. This will bring about white revolution in Paschimanchal districts. It will include formation of new Dairy Cooperative Societies under Dairying through Cooperatives (DTC) program of Government of India. High milk-yielding varieties of heifers (female calves) are proposed to be distributed among individuals and members of Dairy Cooperative Societies/ Milk Unions to augment milk production and as a supplementary source of livelihood for rural households.

The climate of the Paschimanchal region is also well suited for citrus fruits such as Mousambi, etc. which will be popularized in the form of kitchen gardens. Paschimanchal area is also famous for Black Bengal Goat which will be supported by extension services such as de-worming, PPR vaccination etc. involving local Self-Help Groups. I, accordingly, propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for these interventions.

Hilly area of Darjeeling and Kalimpong area face unique developmental challenges arising from difficult terrain, inaccessibility and limited livelihood opportunities. However, its unique climate is well suited for horticulture. Income generating activities will be promoted in the form of kiwi cultivation, polyhouse-based cymbidium orchid cultivation, avocado cultivation etc. The Do It Yourself (DIY) polyhouse scheme has become very popular among farmers in the hills. In addition, I would like this scheme

to be extended to the farmers in the plains also. I propose an allocation ₹50 crore for this purpose.

The terai agro-climatic region (comprising Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Siliguri and Uttar Dinajpur) of North Bengal is well suited for growing spices such as black pepper, ginger, turmeric, bay leaf, cardamom etc. I propose to provide a budgetary support of ₹50 crore to create a spice hub in North Bengal to support farmers and entrepreneurs involved in such activity. This will finance activities such as creation of nurseries, expansion of cultivated area under spices with irrigation facility and processing/marketing of products including setting up of a Centre for Development of Spices.

Floriculture has become predominant agricultural activity in Panskura and Kolaghat Blocks of Purba Medinipur district. This has a tremendous bearing on the economy of the region and has opened a new avenue towards employment generation. To ensure proper marketing facilities for flower growing farmers in this area, an integrated flower market hub will be set up in Kolaghat area with all facilities for grading, sorting, packing, cold chain etc. I propose an allocation of ₹10 crore for this purpose.

Goshalas significantly support rural economy by providing sustainable livelihood opportunities and also

providing raw material for organic manure. In order to encourage rural entrepreneurship and provide alternate livelihood sources, I propose a scheme to provide ₹1,00,000 as subsidy for setting up of a Goshala.

West Bengal has huge potential for developing the Blue Economy. It has diverse aquatic resources with more than eight lakh hectares of inland water bodies and a coastline of 158 km. There is great diversity in fishery sector from marine to inland and also brackish water and wetland. In order to tap the unlocked potential in this sector, both inland and brackish water fisheries will be promoted by modern fish-seed production units, fish production forms, cold chain systems and processing hubs to reduce post-harvest losses and increase the income of fishermen. To tap the huge potential of the long coastline, seaweed cultivation will be promoted. All these interventions will be taken up under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.

Villages located at the border face many challenges. In order to create better living conditions and ensuring basic amenities at bordering villages, State Government is taking up 500 villages under the 'Vibrant Village' program of the Government of India.

West Bengal is prone to frequent cyclones formed in the Bay of Bengal which causes serious loss to life and property. Government will create the West Bengal Climate

Resilience Fund and set up the West Bengal Climate Finance Facility. These initiatives will capitalize on the tremendous carbon sequestration potential of our State, mobilize Climate Finance funds from different sources to undertake climate projects, create new revenue streams like carbon credits through climate resilient livelihood opportunities, expand income generation opportunities in different Sectors of our State's Economy for sustainable development of West Bengal, and help finance our State Action Plan on Climate Change. I propose an allocation of ₹200 crore for this purpose in the Financial Year 2026-27.

Mangrove is a time-tested nature-based solution that helps in carbon sequestration, protects vulnerable shorelines in the Sundarbans against extreme weather, mitigates global climate change related challenges and also sustain local livelihoods. I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore in this Financial Year to take up large scale mangrove afforestation activities in the Sundarbans involving local Self-Help Groups.

SHILPA SHAKTI

Fifth, Shilpa Shakti: Economic Activity and Employment

Honorable Speaker Sir,

The State shall strive to emerge as a major economic hub of eastern India by leveraging its strategic geographic

position, skilled human resources, industrial heritage, logistics potential, and rich natural and cultural assets. Economic growth shall be employment-oriented, regionally balanced, environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive.

Our new Government has already initiated several steps to create investment friendly business environment. Proactive measures have been taken to commence the onboarding process for several flagship Central Government schemes aimed at strengthening industrial infrastructure, logistics, export promotion, port-led development and regional economic growth in the State. This includes Development of logistics parks and upgradation of existing ports under PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, Sagarmala 2.0, Scheme for Chemical Parks. Development of Durgapur Industrial node and Dhubulia Industrial cluster in Nadia will be undertaken as part of Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA) Scheme.

To stimulate the economic growth, promote industrial investment and generate employment, the State Government will introduce a West Bengal Investment Promotion Framework with main thrust on industrial development through a cluster approach along industrial corridors. This would encourage investments in both the MSME and major industrial projects, give priority to

investments in North Bengal and Paschimanchal, encourage use of green energy and incentivize investments in emerging technologies such as electric vehicles, semiconductor devices and designs, green hydrogen, defence manufacturing etc. This will include a new incentive policy. I propose an allocation of ₹5,000 crore for this purpose, in this Financial Year.

Under the Scheme for Rejuvenation of Legacy Industrial Clusters of Government of India, the State Government intend to revive traditional industrial and agro-processing clusters with special emphasis on jute industry in Howrah and Hooghly and tea and agro-processing clusters at Siliguri and Darjeeling. I propose an allocation of ₹1,000 crore in the Financial Year 2026-27 for this purpose.

To revitalize tea industry, internal road and infrastructure of tea gardens will be improved and a Common Tea Processing Centre will be set up at Siliguri. I propose an allocation of ₹100 crore in the Financial Year 2026-27. Tea Processing Zone will be established in collaboration with Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port. The proposed facility will house specialized and world class infrastructure for tea trade including processing centers, packaging units, auction houses etc.

National Fibre Mission of GoI will be implemented with focus on modernizing cultivation and processing of natural

fibre, scaling fibre infrastructure and enhancing market access. One of the aims of this mission is revitalizing the Jute Industry through innovation and market diversification.

A textile park will be developed in Dakshin Dinajpur district with the objective of revival of Gangarampur tant and carpets of Kushmandi area.

Under Export sector, the State Government intends to harbour the benefits of the Export Promotion Mission of the Central Government to strengthen export infrastructure and trade facilitation in the border check posts and Land Customs Stations across the Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders in the State. Proposed interventions include development of testing and certification laboratories at border check posts, establishment of truck terminals, warehousing and cold-chain facilities.

Siliguri occupies a uniquely strategic position serving as the gateway to North-East India and providing vital connectivity with neighboring countries such as Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. Leveraging this geographical advantage, our Government will promote Siliguri as a logistics and trade hub through the development of integrated logistics parks, multimodal transport infrastructure, modern warehousing facilities, cold-chain

networks, improved road, rail and air connectivity. This will reduce logistics costs, enhance supply chain efficiency and facilitate domestic as well as international trade. I propose an allocation of ₹200 crore for this purpose. Siliguri will also be benefitted by the recent announcement of High Speed Rail Corridor between Varanasi and Siliguri by GoI.

Considering the increasing demand for IT infrastructure in Siliguri, it is proposed to develop Siliguri IT Park with approximately 50,000 sq. ft. built-up space within the existing campus at an estimated cost of ₹26 crore.

Recognising the transformative role of cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), advance electronics and digital infrastructure in driving economic growth, State Government will launch a comprehensive program to position West Bengal as a preferred destination for AI oriented data centres and hyperscale cloud computing infrastructure. To accelerate investment in this sector, eligible projects will be provided a package of incentives, including reimbursement of stamp duty, waiver of electricity duty, facilitation of dedicated high quality power supply etc. Data centre projects will also be given relaxation in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and expedited approval through a single window mechanism.

Industrial belt comprising of Durgapur, Asansol, Andal,

Panagarh and adjoining areas have played a significant role in industrial growth of the state and continues to possess strategic advantages in terms of logistics and skilled manpower. Leveraging these factors, to accelerate the growth and creating further momentum in the industrial landscape in the area, our Government will endeavor to set up a semiconductor unit at Durgapur.

Inspired by the PM Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative of the Government of India, a Defence Manufacturing Hub is going to be developed in the Gangajalghati Industrial Park, Bankura and Sainthia Industrial Park, Birbhum, to integrate West Bengal into the global supply chain.

West Bengal's MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector is the backbone of the state's economy, accounting for over ninety percent of its active industrial units and fifty percent of industrial production. It contributes inclusive growth, acting as the major job provider after agriculture sector. I propose to introduce several new initiatives for growth and promotion of MSMEs in the State.

PM Vishwakarma scheme has been adopted by the State to uplift the lives of the artisans and craftspersons by improving their skills and increasing the reach of their products and services. It aims to provide end-to-end holistic support to artisans and craftspeople for their respective

trades. It emphasizes encouraging the trades in rural and urban areas, with special attention to women empowerment and marginalized or underserved groups like the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs and Specially Abled persons.

To extend a strong push for start-ups and young micro entrepreneurs, Banglar Udyam Credit Card Scheme is being launched. Under this initiative approximately 2 lakh youth will receive financial support of upto ₹10 lakh each, comprising ₹5 lakh as a grant and ₹5 lakh as an interest free loan to encourage entrepreneurship. I am happy to propose an allocation of ₹200 crore for this purpose.

To promote advanced research in smart textiles, Tex-RAMPS program of Government of India will be launched for building a resilient, future-ready and globally competitive textile ecosystem for West Bengal. The State will benefit from the scheme as it will help modernize, map supply chains, increase profitability for local artisans in the traditional sectors by targeting Handloom and Handicrafts. A national institute of design to promote economic and cultural development by providing world class training in industrial, communication and textile design will be set up in collaboration with GoI. This will provide access to premier education to students and skilled professionals who can provide indigenous design solutions in the rapidly

changing world.

Startups are primary drivers of technological innovation, industrial growth and job creation. To foster economic growth through promoting technological innovation and generate employment by creating a thriving and sustainable ecosystem for new businesses, our Government will implement a Startup policy within three months which will include an incubation fund of ₹40 crore and venture capital fund of ₹60 crore for this financial year.

A Chief Minister's Science and Technology Talent Attraction Fund will be set up for attracting world class scientists and technologists to build the Technology Driven Innovation Ecosystem in the state. Talent must be of proven Global Credential, willing to work with a reputed institution in Bengal and support or initiate a Deep Tech startup. I propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for this purpose, in this financial year. This will also help reestablish the role of the State in frontier research and attract global talent.

West Bengal is the only major state where Urban Land Ceiling policy is being implemented. This has been a major investment bottleneck which hampers large scale institutional investments. I hereby announce that Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 will be re-examined to unlock the potential of developable land, attract major

investments and fuel economic growth in urban areas.

Kolkata is emerging as a technology and investment hub and it has the potential to provide competitive environment to attract multinational corporations. West Bengal will come up with Global Capability Centre (GCC) policy in consultation with the stakeholder with a view to have strategic vision to encourage shift from traditional cost-based outsourcing to attracting high-value functions, leveraging the region's availability of skilled professionals.

An endeavor will be taken for listing profit making State Public Sector Undertakings (SPSUs) on public stock exchanges which will benefit the State by raising capital through disinvestment, unlocking hidden corporate value. Potential SPSUs will be identified and listed on public stock exchanges.

The Calcutta Stock Exchange, an 118-year old institution is on the verge of closure due to several legal hurdles. My Government proposes to support the revival of the Calcutta Stock Exchange so as to reclaim Kolkata's place as a financial capital. The revival of the Calcutta Stock Exchange would have multifarious advantages, including easier access to capital for Eastern India, lower costs of listing and trading and create new jobs.

To facilitate large-scale investments and improve the

ease of doing business, projects with a proposed investment of ₹100 crore and above shall be exempted from the requirement of obtaining separate 'No Objection Certificate (NOC)' and similar approvals from Zilla Parishads, Panchayat Samitis for purposes such as building plan sanction, trade licenses and other related permissions. Such approvals shall instead be processed and granted through the State-level Single Window System in a time-bound manner, with necessary inter-departmental coordination undertaken by the State Government.

Our Government is committed to create a truly enabling environment for industrial growth and investment by significantly enhancing the Ease of Doing Business across the State. A comprehensive review of existing regulatory processes, approvals, inspections and compliance requirements will be undertaken with the objective of simplifying procedures, reducing the compliance burden on entrepreneurs. Single-window system will be implanted for giving statutory clearances so that entrepreneurs are not required to visit multiple Departments for obtaining approvals, clearances and registrations. An Expert Committee comprising representatives from industry, professional institutions and relevant government departments will be constituted. The Committee will submit a comprehensive action plan within four months for

consideration and implementation by the Government. This Committee will also examine instances of duplication, overlap or multiple statutory charges/ licensing fees imposed for the same purpose.

To facilitate industrial growth and ensure optimal utilization of land assets, the State Government will endeavor to develop a comprehensive land bank by identifying and reclaiming industrial land lying unutilized with Public Sector Undertakings and other Government entities. Similarly, plots allotted in industrial estates that remain unutilized beyond agreed period will be reviewed and may be resumed by the Government, subject to due process, with refund of the lease premium, salami and other admissible charges without any interest. Our Government also proposes to encourage the private sector to set up single-commodity and multi-commodity industrial parks through a package of incentives.

The reclaimed land will be pooled into a dynamic State Land Bank and made available to prospective investors through a transparent, time-bound and technology-enabled allotment mechanism. This initiative will unlock idle assets, prevent land hoarding, accelerate industrial investments and ensure that valuable industrial land is put to productive use for generating employment and economic growth.

The existing West Bengal Shops and Establishments Act, 1963 restricts shops from operating beyond prescribed hours resulting in underutilization of commercial infrastructure, reduced employment opportunities and lower economic productivity. Drawing upon successful reforms in different states, I propose to allow round-the-clock operation of shops, restaurants, offices, logistics services and hospitality establishments while ensuring strong labour safeguards by bringing appropriate amendments and reforms. This reform will lead to increase in overall economic activity while positioning West Bengal as a modern, investment-friendly state. We will implement the proposed reforms as pilot mode in Kolkata and major urban centers before statewide expansion. Overall, a well-regulated 24×7 economy can transform West Bengal's urban centers into higher-employment, higher-revenue, safer and more economically dynamic regions while maintaining labour protections and social safeguards.

There is an urgent need to significantly improve the investment climate by reducing the 'cost of doing business' caused by extortion and interference. It will boost investor confidence, encourage expansion and new setups (especially in manufacturing, MSMEs and IT), protect supply chains and operations from disruptions and enhance employment generation. Our Government will bring legislation to safeguard lawful businesses from

'syndicate charges' and other informal extortions. By enabling faster redressal and personal accountability for offenders, it addresses long-standing industry grievances, potentially attracting more domestic and foreign investment while promoting rule of law without undermining legitimate regulatory oversight.

Encouraging household women to convert their home kitchens into cloud kitchens can significantly boost the economy by formalizing unpaid domestic labor. This model turns everyday cooking skills into paid, productive activity with minimal investment, leveraging existing home infrastructure and low entry barriers. Our Government will implement a new policy for Cloud Kitchens with the aim of micro entrepreneurship among women and by addressing issues like food safety, hygiene, competition and work-life balance through training in business and digital skills, microfinance, simplified regulations and better infrastructure etc.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

Durga Puja is the cultural soul of Bengal. Recognized internationally for its unique heritage value, Durga Puja offers West Bengal a distinctive opportunity to position itself as a premier global cultural tourism destination. We will launch a focused tourism branding campaign around the theme 'Durga Puja - A Global Festival, Bengal's Eternal

Emotion', showcasing the grandeur of themed pandals, traditional rituals, art, music and community celebrations. Special tourism circuits, curated festival experiences, international promotional campaigns, improved visitor amenities, digital guides and partnership with travel operators to attract domestic and foreign tourists.

West Bengal is well known for its rich heritage. There is a need to preserve and promote heritage sites in the State. I hereby announce to set up a revived Heritage Commission for preparing comprehensive plan for restoration of heritage properties including famous Kali temple of Kalighat, Tarapith, Jorasanko Thakurbari, Madan Mohan Mandir, Jalpesh temple, Thakurnagar Thakurbari, Ma Kalyaneshwari, Tarakeshwar, Kankalitola, Kiriteshwari, Konnagar and Shakti Peethas in the State. Building a 'Bengal Shaktipeeth Circuit' connecting major temples to facilitate pilgrimage and religious tourism will be taken up. The target is to develop these temples as prominent pilgrim destinations through a clustered hub-and-spoke approach to promote spiritual tourism. This would involve developing feasible tourist itineraries connecting multiple temples and centering on a major district town, encompassing Bhramri Devi, Nandikeswari, Tarapith, Bakreshwar, Phullara and Kankalitala temples. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Pilgrimage Circuit will be taken up as a tribute to the revered

Vaishanva saint and his socio-religious legacy. This would involve developing feasible tourist itineraries connecting multiple sites and centering on a major district town. Mayapur will be developed as an iconic tourist centre. I propose financial outlay of ₹1,000 crore for this purpose over a period of three years.

Arrangement to provide affordable accommodation to pilgrims visiting Puri and Deoghar will be taken up in PPP mode.

Darjeeling is a popular year-round destination for nature, heritage, wellness and adventure tourism. Our Government will endeavor to develop Darjeeling as premier eco-adventure and heritage tourism hub. Adventure activities like trekking, hiking, rafting, paragliding and allied activities will be promoted. Establishment of multipurpose training institutes and heritage mapping of tea bunglows and colonial structures, supported by global branding and experiential tourism campaigns will also be done.

Our government will promote the Dooars as a center for forest, wildlife and tribal tourism. Focus will be on guided tours and cultural experiences.

Our government will also undertake sustainable tourism development in the Sundarbans through preparation of a Tourism Master Plan focused on eco-resorts, river tourism, creek & wildlife safaris, floating glamping, exclusive tourism

jetties, procurement of e-vessels, developing experiential tourism, livelihood generation and biodiversity-sensitive infrastructure development with public and private participation.

Integrated Tourism Circuit connecting Ayodhya Hills, Murguma, Khairabera, Baranti (Santuri), other tourist places like Matha Forest, Duarsini, Doladanga (Manbazar), Joychandi Pahad and Garh Panchkot Eco Tourism (Raghunathpur) will be developed in Purulia.

A new Tiger Safari will be set up at Jungle Mahal Zoo, in Jhargram District over 160 acres of land. It will boost the tourism potential in western parts of the State and adjoining regions of the country, generating employment opportunities to local people. I propose an allocation of ₹25 crore for this purpose.

Our Government will endeavor for transformation of Gangasagar Mela, into international spiritual and cultural festival in collaboration with the Government of India. Similarly, Jagadhatri Puja, Tarakeshwar Mela, Baruni Mela, Rash Mela, Jalpesh Mela and other similar events will be transformed into national events.

Ropeways are transformative for tourism, turning hard to reach terrains into accessible destinations. They offer panoramic views and provide eco-friendly, energy efficient

transit option that leave minimum environmental footprint. Techno-feasibility study will be conducted to identify suitable locations for setting up ropeway projects in the State. I propose an allocation of ₹10 crore for this purpose.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

West Bengal's cultural heritage represents one of its greatest strengths. The Government's mission is to preserve, promote and celebrate the State's rich traditions while fostering a progressive and harmonious society. Our policies will support literature, art, music, theatre, folk traditions, heritage conservation, spiritual tourism, language preservation and creative industries. Cultural institutions shall be strengthened to ensure that Bengal's intellectual and artistic legacy continues to flourish in the modern era.

Commemorating 150 years of 'Vande Mataram', a modern museum-cum-cultural center will be set up to serve as a national level cultural and educational center to promote cultural heritage, research and tourism. I propose an allocation of ₹25 crore in the current Financial Year for this purpose.

Promoting the legacy of Rabindranath Tagore, a dedicated 'Tagore Cultural Centre' will be established as a premier institution of excellence for the preservation, promotion and global dissemination of Tagore's legacy.

I propose an allocation of ₹25 crore in the current Financial Year for this purpose.

West Bengal is celebrated for its rich, centuries-old legacy of handlooms and handicrafts, with specific art forms tightly tied to local regions and communities. From delicate textiles to vibrant metal casting, the diverse crafts highlight the deep-rooted cultural and artistic heritage spanning the State's districts. Significant products from each of the 23 districts have been identified with the objective to promote unique traditional, agricultural, food processing, handloom and handicrafts products of different districts of the State under the 'One District One Product' (ODOP) program of Government of India. Additionally, commercial stalls for promoting products of ODOP of 23 districts will be developed under the PM Ekta Mall over 1.5 acres of land with an objective of showcasing outlets of handicrafts and handloom of the State. I am happy to propose an allocation of ₹150 crore for the PM Ekta Mall.

Conservation and Restoration of State Protected Monuments is another area of immense importance. Extensive survey will be conducted to identify and prioritize the befitting restoration works in line with ASI guidelines. Respective provisions acts/rules of the State will be suitably amended in conformity with Central Acts/Rules.

The contributions of Syama Prasad Mookerjee in the history of West Bengal is highly commendable. Year 2026 is his 125th birth anniversary. In order to commemorate this august occasion, his birthday, 6th July is henceforth declared a State holiday. Yearlong celebrations will be organized this year honoring his great contributions. A 125 feet statue will be built at Jirat and his Paitrik Vita will be renovated and brought back to its old glory. In addition, a park, library and Smarak will be built in his memory. I propose an allocation of ₹200 crore for this purpose.

I Propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for promotion of Rajbanshi Language, Rajbanshi Academy and for Rajbanshi Lokshilpi. Similarly, I also propose an allocation of ₹50 crore for promotion of Kurmali Language, Kurmi Academy and for Lokshilpi of Kurmi Community.

Taxation Proposals:

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

The Profession Tax framework, having remained largely unchanged since its inception, needs a comprehensive review in keeping with the evolving economic realities and the aspirations of our taxpaying citizens. With a view to simplifying the tax structure, rationalizing the levy, and providing meaningful relief to salary earners, self-employed individuals, and small entrepreneurs, I am pleased to

propose a thorough restructuring of the Profession Tax Schedule.

As part of this reform initiative, I propose to substantially enhance the exemption thresholds across different categories of taxpayers. Accordingly, the monthly salary threshold for salaried employees shall be revised upward from ₹10,000 to ₹20,000 per month; the annual gross income threshold for self-employed persons engaged in professions, trades, and callings shall be enhanced from ₹60,000 to ₹2.5 lakh and the threshold based on annual gross receipts or turnover for traders and businesses shall be increased from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh.

These measures will provide significant and tangible relief to the working population in the lower and middle-income brackets, to independent professionals, and to micro and small enterprises that form the backbone of our local economy, reflecting our Government's commitment to an equitable, progressive, and growth-oriented fiscal policy.

Today, no exemption from Profession Tax is available to BSF personnel, who guard our borders round the clock and render invaluable service in safeguarding the security and integrity of the nation. As a mark of our gratitude and recognition of their dedicated service under challenging conditions, I propose to extend exemption from Profession Tax to such BSF personnel.

In furtherance of our Government's commitment to ease of doing business, trust-based governance, and regulatory simplification, I further propose to decriminalize appropriate provisions of the Profession Tax law by removing the provisions for imprisonment while retaining monetary penalties to ensure continued deterrence and fiscal discipline. This measured reform will reduce the compliance burden on taxpayers, encourage voluntary compliance, and foster a regulatory environment that is taxpayer-friendly and business-friendly, signaling a fundamental shift in the State's approach from punitive enforcement to constructive partnership with its citizens.

Under the West Bengal Excise (Procedure for Grant and Functioning of Licence and Payment of Fees for Use of Industrial Spirit) Rules, 2025, homeopathic medicine manufacturers using industrial spirit for the manufacture of potentized medicines are required to obtain a licence from the Excise Directorate upon payment of the prescribed fee. It is felt that the requirement of obtaining such a licence imposes an avoidable compliance burden on an industry that has contributed to employment and economic activity in the State over the years. I propose to dispense with this requirement and bring forward suitable amendments to the Rules accordingly.

No licence for a liquor shop shall henceforth be granted if the proposed premises are situated within a radius of

1 kilometre from any educational institution, hospital, or religious place. In areas falling within the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), the minimum distance requirement shall be 500 metres.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

In this Budget we have attempted to set out the direction in which West Bengal must travel. We have—

1. Reintroduced robust administrative systems into the functioning of government. We have ended the Syndicate Raj that crippled Bengal.
2. We have streamlined the architecture of welfare in the state and at the same time, averted a financial collapse.
3. We have changed the direction of state policy and given our total support to entrepreneurship, growth, innovation, technology and business.
4. We have ended the needless conflict with the Centre and tried to take advantage of everything the double engine has to offer.
5. We have put Bengal back on the map of India.

Honorable Speaker Sir,

I propose to provide ₹4,38,775.29 crore (net) in the budget of Financial Year 2026-2027.

Budget Allocation (Net) for the Financial year 2026-2027.

1. **Agricultural Marketing**

   I propose to allocate ₹364.99 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

2. **Agriculture**

   I propose to allocate ₹8,565.84 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

3. **Animal Resources Development**

   I propose to allocate ₹1,404.42 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

4. **Backward Classes Welfare**

   I propose to allocate ₹2,544.48 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

5. **Consumer Affairs**

   I propose to allocate ₹148.41 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

6. **Cooperation**

   I propose to allocate ₹586.62 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

7. **Correctional Administration**

   I propose to allocate ₹580.55 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

8. **Disaster Management and Civil Defence**

   I propose to allocate ₹3,035.95 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

9. Environment

I propose to allocate ₹102.85 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

10. Fire & Emergency Services

I propose to allocate ₹546.39 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

11. Fisheries

I propose to allocate ₹550.38 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

12. Food & Supplies

I propose to allocate ₹8,053.03 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

13. Food Processing Industries and Horticulture

I propose to allocate ₹230.69 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

14. Forests

I propose to allocate ₹1,198.17 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

15. Health & Family Welfare

I propose to allocate ₹24,753.72 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

16. Higher Education

I propose to allocate ₹7,168.60 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

17. Home and Hill Affairs

I propose to allocate ₹17,925.42 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

18. Housing

I propose to allocate ₹303.83 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

19. Industry Commerce and Enterprises

I propose to allocate ₹3,266.59 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

20. Information & Cultural Affairs

I propose to allocate ₹815.08 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

21. Information Technology & Electronics

I propose to allocate ₹506.18 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

22. Irrigation & Waterways

I propose to allocate ₹3,699.11 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

23. Judicial

I propose to allocate ₹1,964.89 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

24. Labour

I propose to allocate ₹3,146.69 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

25. Land & Land Reforms and Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation

I propose to allocate ₹1,587.62 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

26. Law

I propose to allocate ₹24.87 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

27. Mass Education Extension & Library Services

I propose to allocate ₹.351.70 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

28. Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles

I propose to allocate ₹1,814.60 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

29. Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education

I propose to allocate ₹2,165.42 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

30. Non-Conventional and Renewable Energy Sources

I propose to allocate ₹305.87 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

31. North Bengal Development

I propose to allocate ₹1,821.52 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

32. Panchayats & Rural Development

I propose to allocate ₹51,836.55 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

33. Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs

I propose to allocate ₹1,610.85 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

34. Personnel & Administrative Reforms

I propose to allocate ₹378.87 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

35. Planning & Statistics

I propose to allocate ₹632.41 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

36. Power

I propose to allocate ₹5,345.16 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

37. Public Enterprises and Industrial Reconstruction

I propose to allocate ₹58.65 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

38. Public Health Engineering

I propose to allocate ₹12,935.33 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

39. Public Works

I propose to allocate ₹7,240.13 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

40. School Education

I propose to allocate ₹44,948.21 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

41. Science & Technology and Bio-Technology

I propose to allocate ₹133.62 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

42. Self-Help Group & Self-Employment

I propose to allocate ₹322.80 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

43. Sunderban Affairs

I propose to allocate ₹1,280.07 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

44. Technical Education, Training & Skill Development

I propose to allocate ₹2,393.20 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

45. Tourism

I propose to allocate ₹527.84 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

46. Transport

I propose to allocate ₹2,697.42 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

47. Tribal Development

I propose to allocate ₹1,295.14 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

48. Urban Development and Municipal Affairs

I propose to allocate ₹14,609.77 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

49. Water Resources Investigation & Development

I propose to allocate ₹1,550.99 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

50. Women & Child Development and Social Welfare

I propose to allocate ₹52,308.50 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

51. Youth Services and Sports

I propose to allocate ₹490.54 crore to this department in the year 2026-2027.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 2026-2027

WEST BENGAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 2026–2027

(*Rupees in Crore*)

	Actuals 2024–2025	Budget 2025–2026	Revised 2025–2026	Budget 2026–2027
Receipts				
1. Opening Balance	2.63	2.88	(–)28.12	(–)58.70
2. Revenue Receipts	2,13,699.56	2,66,060.42	2,44,866.90	3,20,484.84
3. Raising of Public Debt	90,654.82	1,10,771.73	1,03,843.96	1,05,387.96
4. Repayment of loans by PSUs and Government employees	127.89	2,223.63	256.22	1,262.55
5. Receipts from Contingency Fund and Public Account	13,94,416.72	12,94,222.54	13,26,644.15	13,64,760.68
Total	**16,98,901.62**	**16,73,281.20**	**16,75,583.11**	**17,91,837.33**
Expenditure				
6. Revenue Expenditure	2,53,426.99	3,01,375.37	2,86,030.95	3,42,469.26
7. Capital Expenditure	21,621.44	39,337.75	26,438.54	40,930.29
8. Repayment of Public Debt	31,464.66	47,732.08	43,795.10	54,606.53
9. Disbursement of loans to PSUs and Government employees	703.25	748.89	427.60	769.20
10. Transfer to Contingency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11. Expenditure on Contingency Fund and Public Account	13,91,713.40	12,84,087.23	13,18,949.62	13,53,122.75
12. Closing Balance	(–)28.12	(–)0.12	(–)58.70	(–)60.70
Total	**16,98,901.62**	**16,73,281.20**	**16,75,583.11**	**17,91,837.33**

(*Rupees in Crore*)

	Actuals 2024–2025	Budget 2025–2026	Revised 2025–2026	Budget 2026–2027
Net Results— Surplus (+) / Deficit (–)				
(a) On Revenue Account	(–)39,727.44	(–)35,314.95	(–)41,164.05	(–)21,984.42
(b) Outside Revenue Account	39,696.67	35,311.95	41,133.47	21,982.42
(c) Net, excluding Opening Balance	(–)30.77	(–)3.00	(–)30.58	(–)2.00
(d) Net, including Opening Balance	(–)28.12	(–)0.12	(–)58.70	(–)60.70
(e) Expenditure for New Programmes/Additional Outlays				
(i) On Revenue Account	..	..	..	..
(ii) Outside Revenue Account	..	..	..	..
(f) Additional Resource Mobilisation under Tax Revenue	..	..	..	..
(g) Net Revenue Deficit	(–)39,727.44	(–)35,314.95	(–)41,164.05	(–)21,984.42
(h) Net Surplus/Deficit	**(–)28.12**	**(–)0.12**	**(–)58.70**	**(–)60.70**

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